

Appropriations Committee

Study Assignment

A continuing review of the appropriations process.

Summary of Interim

The Special Committee on Appropriations did not approve any additional expenditures for either FY 2005 or FY 2006.

On June 6, 2005, the Committee heard testimony from the Department of Social Services about the provisions of Medicare Part D, the "clawback" provision. The Committee also heard from the Board of Regents regarding the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship Program. From the graduation high school class of 2004, 832 students received scholarships. Data for 2005 would be available later after being finalized.

Listing of Legislation Adopted

None.

Summary of Meeting Dates & Places and Listing of Committee Members

The Committee met on June 26. The Committee conducted two tours of the state. The East River Tour, held during July 25-27, met in Aberdeen (E-Learning Center at Northern State University), Huron (State Fair), Brookings (Certified Beef Program at South Dakota State University), Sioux Falls (Southeast Technical Institute, Communication Service for the Deaf, School for the Deaf, State Penitentiary, Outdoor Campus—Department of Game, Fish, & Parks) Chancellor (Great Plains Ethanol), Vermillion (School of Medicine—University of South Dakota), and Springfield (Mike Durfee State Prison). The West River/Black Hills Tour, held during October 6-7, met in Hot Springs (State Veterans' Home), Custer State Park, and Rapid City (Minimum Security Trustee Unit—Department of Corrections, RESPEC Engineering, Inc., National Guard Camp, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and the Black Hills Workshop and Training Center).

Committee members included: Senators Jerry Apa (Co-Chair), Julie Bartling, William Earley (Vice Chair), Jason Gant, Brock Greenfield, Gary Hanson, William Napoli, Orville Smidt, and Duane Sutton; and Representatives H. Paul Dennert, Mary Glenski, Jeffrey Haverly, Jean Hunhoff, Ted Klaudt (Vice Chair), Deb Peters, J.E. "Jim" Putnam (Co-Chair), Val Rausch, and Larry Tidemann.

Staff members included: Reed Holwegner, Chief Fiscal Analyst; Mark Zickrick, Principal Fiscal Analyst; Anne Mehlhaff, Principal Fiscal Analyst; Sue Cichos, Senior Fiscal Analyst; Aaron Olson, Fiscal Analyst; and Teri Retrum, Senior Legislative Secretary.